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1. International Publication No. WO 99/28500, published June 10, 1999 together with corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0119450 A1, published August 29, 2002 and Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-500001, published January 7, 2003;

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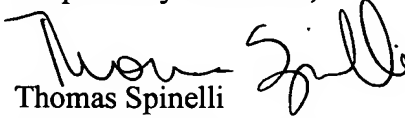
  
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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-127300, published May 19, 1998 together with an English language abstract;
3. European Patent Application No. 0 535 376 A1, published April 7, 1993 together with corresponding Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-60761, published March 12, 1993;
4. European Patent Application No. EP 1 132 484 A2, published September 12, 2001 together with corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0021504 A1, published September 13, 2001;
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6. Published Japanese translation No. 2000-515251, dated November 14, 2000 together with corresponding International Publication No. WO 99/02266, published January 21, 1999; and
7. Published Japanese translation No. 2000-511434, dated September 5, 2000 together with corresponding International Publication No. WO 97/467711, published December 11, 1997.

References 1-4 was cited in a Search Report dated May 13, 2003 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The corresponding U.S. Patent Publications in references 1 and 4 are not being submitted, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) (2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of references 5-7 has been described in the specification.

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